

Missouri Assessment Program  
Spring 2004

Social Studies

Anchor Papers for Released Items

Grade 8

**Example of a top score-point response:**

<b>Statement by Pericles</b>	<b>Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles</b>
We are called a democracy [because power] is in the hands of the many and not the few.	<i>All eligible citizens in the United States may vote in public elections, thus exercising their right to participate in the democracy.</i>
When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	<i>United States citizens seeking government positions must have the necessary qualifications, rather than a particular socioeconomic background.</i>

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Identify the two gifts of the Nile that produced the results shown in the paintings.

1. fertile soil for good crops
2. water for the animals

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Score Point: 1

Anchor

Student lists two plausible gifts from the Nile:

1. Fertile soil
2. Water for the animals

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Identify the two gifts of the Nile that produced the results shown in the paintings.

1. Hunting
2. Picking berries off trees

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Score Point: 0 – Anchor  
Student lists one plausible gift from  
the Nile:  
Picking berries

Fill in the chart below to provide examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles.

Statements by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements of Pericles.
We are called the democracy because power is in the hands of the many and not the few.	U.S. citizens are allowed to vote for the people who will represent them in government, such as senators and legislators who decide to pass laws and make bills.
When a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	All governors, Presidents, and other representatives, must be of a certain age and already have a knowledge of government, and they must be U.S. citizens.

Other acceptable responses may include:

First sentence:

In the United States, the government represents all citizens, rather than a select few.  
 We have a government “of the people, by the people, for the people.”  
 Power is distributed between three branches of government.  
 All citizens may participate in government decision-making, not just a few.

Second sentence:

In the United States, people obtain elective office by election, rather than by class standing.  
 People have the opportunity to choose the most qualified candidate for office.  
 Job candidates may not be discriminated against based on race, gender, social status, age, religion, or political party (as in the case of permanent government employees who are not appointed by elected officials).  
 US citizens seeking government positions must have the necessary qualifications rather than a particular socioeconomic background.

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Score Points: 2 ANCHOR

Student provides two valid examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statement by Pericles with one example for each sentence:

- 1) All eligible citizens may vote for public office.
- 2) People have the opportunity to vote for the most qualified candidate.

Fill in the chart below to provide examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles.

Statements by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements of Pericles.
We are called the democracy because power is in the hands of the many and not the few.	voting electing
When a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	ownership of land house family misllanios

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Score Points: 1 ANCHOR

Student provides one valid example of the way government operates in the United States that is consistent with the statement by Pericles:

1. All eligible citizens can vote for public office.
2. Invalid response.

Fill in the chart below to provide examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements by Pericles.

Statements by Pericles	Examples of the way government operates in the United States that are consistent with the statements of Pericles.
We are called the democracy because power is in the hands of the many and not the few.	It means we have good people that work hard together
When it is a question of putting one person before another in positions of public responsibility, what counts is not membership of a particular class, but the actual ability which the man possesses.	We should do our job good & correct.

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Score Points: 0 ANCHOR

Student does not provide valid examples of the way government operates in the United States that is consistent with the statement by Pericles.